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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 5960 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MOGADISCIO JULY 6.

QUOTE S E C R E T TEHRAN 5960

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI MASS IR SO

SUBJ: POSSIBLE IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA

1. POL/MILCOUNS, WHO WAS ASKED TO COME IN JULY 6
BY GENERAL TOUFANIAN, WAS TOLD BY LATTER THAT GOI WISHED
TO PROVIDE SOMALIA WITH FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT, ALL OF
MAP ORIGIN:

- A) 12,000 SEMI-AUTOMATIC CARBINES,
- B) 800-88.9MM BAZOOKA LAUNCHERS,
- C) 96-57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES TOUFANIAN REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

A) GOI DOES NOT KNOW ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST
OF THESE ITEMS, BUT CERTAINLY THEIR VALUE NOW IS
MINIMAL. TOUFANIAN HOPED US COULD SUPPLY ACQUISITION COST,
OR CLOSE APPROXIMATION, FOR PURPOSES OF ANSWERING ANY
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CONGRESSIONAL QUESTION.

B) GOI WOULD HOPE THAT GESTURE REPRESENTED BY TRANSFERRING
THESE ITEMS TO SOMALIA WOULD HAVE BENEFIT IN TERMS OF SOMALI
POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

C) ALTHOUGH SHAH HAS APPROVED TRANSFER OF THESE ITEMS GOI
HAS SET NO DATE FOR THAT ACTION UNTIL USG APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

3. POL-MIL COUNS EMPHASIZED TO TOUFANIAN THE NED
SCRUPULOUSLY TO ADHERE TO US THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER
REQUIREMENTS.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROCEED PROMPTLY WITH CONSIDERATION OF
THIS PROPOSED THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER AND KEEP US INFORMED
OF PROGRESS.
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